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**Mayor Dixon directs Fire Department promotion of FPA Racheal
Wilson to full Firefighter/Paramedic status**

Mayor's decision will allow family to receive higher pension benefits

Baltimore, MD (February 25, 2007) – Citing Racheal Wilson's dedication to Baltimore City and her achievements in training as an apprentice firefighter, Baltimore Mayor Sheila Dixon ordered that Wilson be posthumously promoted to full firefighter/paramedic status. The move will allow Wilson's two children to receive full pension benefits.

"Racheal Wilson was willing to put her life on the line for the citizens of Baltimore and she lost her life training to serve this city," said Mayor Dixon. "This promotion recognizes her sacrifice.

"As a city, we have an obligation to care for the families of our fallen heroes," Dixon added.

Fire Chief William Goodwin and union officials were notified of Mayor Dixon's decision and fully support the promotion of Wilson.

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